

Join Us for the Seventeenth Annual

# Conference on Illinois History

**September 24–25, 2015**

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Prairie Capital Convention Center  
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum  
**Springfield, Illinois**

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Conference Program

# REGISTRATION FORM

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Registration	Number	Regular/Student	Total
Thursday & Friday:	_____ x	\$110/55	_____
Thursday only:	_____ x	\$60/30	_____
Friday only:	_____ x	\$60/30	_____
Thursday Luncheon:	_____ x	\$30/30	_____
Friday Luncheon:	_____ x	\$30/30	_____
Thursday evening: (reception at the ALPLM) *	_____ x	\$0	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED			\$ _____

**Registrations for the Luncheons must be received by September 18, 2015.** Due to limited seating, we cannot guarantee availability of tickets after this date. Students must present their current student ID.

\*There will not be a ticketed banquet this year. Rather we are inviting all participants and attendees to a reception at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum from 6 pm to 8 pm. Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided and a cash bar will be available. Also included is a fun and informal speaking program. See details on the reception page of the program.

**To register by mail,** send the completed form and check (payable to Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation or ALPLF) to Shanta Thoele, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701

**To register online by credit card, go to**  
**[www.PresidentLincoln.illinois.gov](http://www.PresidentLincoln.illinois.gov) or call 217-558-8934**

**Questions?** Contact Sabrina Mancini at 217-558-9014 or [sabrina.mancini@illinois.gov](mailto:sabrina.mancini@illinois.gov)

**Please indicate the sessions that you are interested in attending.** Your choices are not binding; this is to help us more accurately estimate the space required for each session.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

### 8:30-10:00

- ☐ Chicago Stories from the Early 20th Century
- ☐ Illinois Politics
- ☐ Making History Hands-On for Schools

### 10:15-11:45

- ☐ Civil War Stories
- ☐ Unwritten Large: Commemorating the Illinois Bicentennial, an Ongoing Discussion about the Future of Prairie State History
- ☐ Stories from Western Illinois

### 1:45-3:15

- ☐ Race and Place
- ☐ Looking for Lincoln in the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area
- ☐ Oral History in the Classroom

### 3:30-5:00

- ☐ The Diaspora of Illinoisans: How Illinois History Evolved Beyond the Borders of Illinois
- ☐ Historic Preservation
- ☐ A Tale of Two Trails (The Sequel)

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

### 8:30-10:00

- ☐ On Doing Local History
- ☐ Immigrants in Chicago
- ☐ Remembering Lincoln

### 10:15-11:45

- ☐ French Period Illinois Commerce
- ☐ Expanding the Reach of the Lincoln Story with Technology
- ☐ Labor in Mid-20th Century Chicago
- ☐ Jane Addams in the Classroom

### 1:45-3:15

- ☐ Chicago Societies/Organizations
- ☐ What is the Place of the Humanities?
- ☐ Illinois Soldiers

### 3:30-5:00

- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Post WW II Movements
- ☐ Northern Illinois Stories

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**You may want to bring a sweater or jacket, as the room temperatures fluctuate.**

Thursday

September 24

**8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Registration and Book Sales**

Lower Level, Prairie Capital Convention Center

## Concurrent Sessions

**8:30 – 10:00**

### Chicago Stories from the Early 20th Century

Moderator:

“Fire Codes in Twentieth Century Chicago: The Iroquois Theater Fire and the Perception of Safety,” Christina M. Cogswell, Northeastern Illinois University

“The Commodification of Civic Beauty: Daniel Burnham and Chicago’s Municipal (Navy) Pier,” Joshua A. T. Salzmann, Northeastern Illinois University

“Give our Speechless Children the Power to Speak: Deaf Education and the Rise of Deaf Culture in Chicago in the Early 20th Century,” Forrest Schroeder-Einwiller, Northeastern Illinois University

### Illinois Politics

Moderator: Mark DePue, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

“Abraham Lincoln and the First Corruption of Illinois Politics,” Tom M. George, Independent Researcher

“The Congressional Career of Melvin Price of Illinois,” Philip A. Grant, Pace University

“Promises to Keep: Governor Stevenson and the Offensive Against Gambling,” Robert E. Hartley, Independent Researcher

### Teacher Workshop

“**Making History Hands-On for Schools**,” Laura Keyes, Illinois Institute of Art, Katie Kelley, Midway Village Museum, Amanda Becker, Auburn High School

This workshop will discuss the benefits of teaching history through interactive presentations by analyzing different presentation methods employed at the Midway Village Museum. Special attention will be given to providing exciting, yet cost-effective solutions that small- to mid-size museums and other organizations can implement into their existing programming which will enhance tours, be on mission, and curriculum focused.

**10:15 – 11:45**

### Civil War Stories

Moderator: Dan Monroe, Millikin University

“Northern Women and the American Civil War,” Emily Crutchfield, Millikin University

“Ulysses S. Grant and War Leadership,” Lauren Nesbitt, Millikin University

“Richard Yates and Illinois in the Civil War,” Taylor Godwin, Millikin University

### Unwritten Large: Commemorating the Illinois Bicentennial, an Ongoing Discussion about the Future of Prairie State History (Roundtable Discussion)

Moderator: David W. Scott, Independent Researcher

Panelists:

Bill Furry, Illinois State Historical Society

David Joens, Illinois State Archives

Robert McColley, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Mark Sorensen, Illinois State Historical Society

### Stories from Western Illinois

Moderator:

“The Woodrider Massacre, A War of 1812 Era Tragedy,” William D. Wilson, Independent Researcher

“The Gentile Brethren in Mormon Nauvoo, 1839–1846,” Christopher W. Anderson, Northern Illinois University

“The War with Spain: Volunteerism and Local Newspaper Coverage in Western Illinois,” Frank S. Shaw, Western Illinois University

Any changes to the program will be updated on these websites:

[www.PresidentLincoln.Illinois.gov](http://www.PresidentLincoln.Illinois.gov) and [www.illinois.gov/ihpa/Involved/Pages/Conference.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/ihpa/Involved/Pages/Conference.aspx)

## Luncheon Presentation 12:00 – 1:30 (B11)



### Fritz Klein

President Lincoln will discuss the importance of museums to our children, our society, and our future. Klein's portrayal of Lincoln brings this American icon to life. He bears a striking physical resemblance to Lincoln. His programs are thoroughly researched, historically accurate, and blend Lincoln's humor with his great humanity. His ability to adapt to any audience and adapt his program's content to your theme means that you are guaranteed to walk away with new insight into the man and a genuine sense that you have been with Lincoln himself. *This luncheon presentation is sponsored by the Illinois Association of Museums.*

## 1:45 – 3:15

### Race and Place

Moderator:

"The Underground Railroad in Lake County: Sorting the Mythology and Facts," Nancy Schumm, Schumm Consulting

"Segregation: A Community's Secret," Mark Wyman, Illinois State University

### Looking for Lincoln in the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area (Roundtable Discussion)

Moderator: Sarah Watson, Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition

Panelists:

Jeanie Cooke,  
Matthew Mittelstaedt, Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site  
Tim Townsend, Lincoln Home National Historic Site

### Teacher Workshop

"Using Oral History in the Classroom: ALPL Oral History Teacher Resources," Mark DePue, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

Are you looking for primary source material that will get your students excited about history, social studies, political science or a myriad of other topics? Do you want to break away from the textbook in ways that will help bring history to life for your students? The ALPL Oral History Program has developed a series of Teacher Resources (lesson plans) designed to help you students learn about history from those who actually lived it, and to stimulate classroom discussion about some of the most important historical events of the Twentieth Century.

## 3:30 – 5:00

### The Diaspora of Illinoisans: How Illinois History Evolved beyond the Borders of Illinois (Roundtable Discussion)

Panelists:

Terry Campo, Illinois State Society of Washington, D.C.  
Tom Dreesen, Actor  
Mark Rhoads, Author

### Historic Preservation

Moderator:

"St. James Farm Forest Preserve, 1830–2006: An Historical Overview," G. Kevin Davis, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

"Sick Old Buildings," Richard H. Lee, Lemont Area Historical Society

### A Tale of Two Trails (The Sequel): Light at the End of the Tunnel?

Moderator:

"Kaskaskia: Cahokia Trail," Paul A. Ellis, City of Columbia

"The Mounds: America's First Cities," Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt, HeartLands Conservancy

# Thursday Evening Reception

6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

## Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

### Past as Prologue

Certainly we live in tempestuous times and more than ever we want to know: What comes next? Can history be an indicator? We invite you to join Eileen Mackevich (Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum), Amanda Vinicky (Illinois Public Radio), Bruce Rushton (*Illinois Times*), and Jim Leach (WMAY Radio) and participate in a lively discussion about the future of Illinois. Everyone who is registered for the Conference on Illinois History is invited to attend, free of charge. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Please present your conference badge for admittance.



**Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum**  
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### Thursday

#### Workshop 8:30 – 10 am

Outdoor Interpretation – This workshop will be at the Lincoln Home Conference Center at 406 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St on the SE corner of Capitol & 8<sup>th</sup> just 3 blocks south of Convention Center.

#### Sessions at the PCCC 8:30 am - 5 pm

Hands-On Exhibitions: Design for Accessibility and Durability  
Remaining Relevant to Your Local Visitor Base: Temporary Exhibitions as Drivers of Return Visitation  
Employment and Volunteer Issues in Museums  
Connecting the Dots of Your Community  
Responding to Teachers Needs  
Using Technology for Interpretation  
Museums and Schools: A Refresher Course on Keeping Fresh  
Educational Programming for Today  
Legal Obligations of Donors and Museums  
University Students, an Historic Site, and Funding. What Else is Needed for a Successful Collaboration?

#### Evening Event 6 – 8:30 pm

Enjoy an evening of music, art, science and good food at the Illinois State Museum while you experience the art and culture of Illinois. *Alternate location will be the Dana-Thomas House, a Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece.*

**8:30 pm** Lincoln Ghost Walk or Prohibition History Pub Crawl

### Friday

#### Sessions at the PCCC 8:30 am - 5 pm

Basics of Archives  
Collateral Damage: Are You Causing Damage to Your Institutions Collections?  
The Basics of Public Policy Relationships (Who, What, When, Where, and How of Advocacy)  
Get it in Writing: Creating a Code of Conduct/Preventing Internal Theft  
The New Face of AAM Accreditation  
Visitor Services (Be a Hedgehog, not a Fox about Visitor Services)

#### Tours 1:45 – 5 pm

Tour of the Historic Hoogland Center for the Arts  
Springfield Historic Homes Tour – Take a walking tour of the historic homes of Springfield including the Old State Capitol, Dana-Thomas House, and Iles House!

#### Evening Event 6 – 9 pm

##### Awards and Silent Auction Winners Announced

The Annual Awards Dinner will be held at the Trutter Museum, Lincoln Land Community College. Come see what great work your colleagues are doing while enjoying an evening reception and the premiere of a new art exhibition.

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Lower Level, Prairie Capital Convention Center

## Concurrent Sessions

**8:30 – 10:00**

### On Doing Local History

Moderator:

“American Localities: Why Place Matters,” Terry Barnhart, Eastern Illinois University

“From Culture to Classroom: The History, Use, and Application of Postcards in the 21st Century,” Brian Failing, Eastern Illinois University

“Five Cents Worth of Bread: Maryville, Illinois, Community Building, and the 20th Century,” Laura Fowler, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

### Immigrants in Chicago

Moderator:

“Belle Baranceanu and the Jewish Art World in Chicago, 1929–1933,” Jennifer Peoples Hernandez, San Diego Mesa College

“Crafting Americans: Textile Crafts and Immigrant Cultures at the Hull House Labor Museum, 1900–1935,” Kate Swisher, DuSable Museum of African American History

### Remembering Lincoln

Moderator:

“Harriet Monroe, Poetry and Abraham Lincoln,” Mark Pohlad, DePaul University

“Abraham Lincoln through English Eyes: Tom Taylor and John Drinkwater,” Samuel J. Rogal, Illinois Valley Community College

“Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Lincoln Funeral,” James Cornelius, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

**10:15 – 11:45**

### French Period Illinois Commerce

Moderator:

“Textiles in Domestic Use during the French Colonial Experience in Upper Louisiana: Conclusion as Introduction,” Janet L. Miller, Independent Researcher

“Joliet vs. La Salle: Rivals for the Establishment of Trade and Colonization in the Illinois Country,” Mark Walczynski, Starved Rock Foundation

### Expanding the Reach of the Lincoln Story with Technology

Moderator:

“Tweeting Lincoln’s Last Days,” Heather Wickens, Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition

“My Lincoln, Your Lincoln, Our Lincoln,” Kelley Clausing, Papers of Abraham Lincoln

“Polling the Globe for Lincoln’s Legacy: Abraham Lincoln Citizen of the World,” Daniel W. Stowell, Papers of Abraham Lincoln

### Labor in Mid-20th Century Chicago

Moderator:

“The Radium Girls of Ottawa,” Heinz-Dietrich Suppan, Joliet Junior College and Marquette Academy, Ottawa

“The Calumet Navy Yard, Pullman-Standard, and Mid-Twentieth Century Liberalism,” Martin Tuohy, Great Lakes Naval Museum

### Jane Addams in the Classroom

Moderator:

“In Good Company: Addams’s Democratic Experimentalism,” David Schaffsma, University of Illinois at Chicago

“Manifestations of Altruism: Sympathetic Understanding, Narrative, and Democracy,” Todd DeStiger, University of Illinois at Chicago



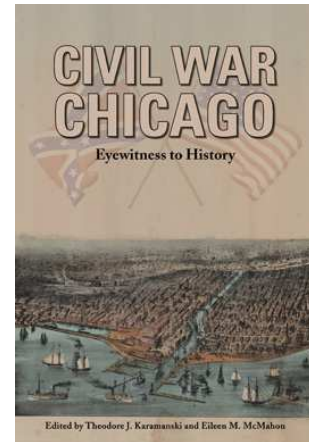
## Luncheon Presentation 12:00 – 1:30 (B11)

### Theodore J. Karamanski

#### *Civil War Chicago: Eyewitness to History*

The American Civil War was a crucial event in the development of Chicago as the metropolis of the heartland. Not only did Chicagoans play an important role in the politics of the conflict, encouraging emancipation and promoting a “hard war” policy against Southern civilians, but they supported the troops materially through production of military supplies and foodstuffs as well as morally and spiritually through patriotic publications and songs.

**Karamanski** is a professor of history at Loyola University Chicago, where he founded and directs the Public History Program. He is the author of seven books, including *Rally 'Round the Flag: Chicago and the Civil War*, *Schooner Passage: Sailing Ships and the Lake Michigan Frontier*, and most recently *Blackbird's Song: Andrew J. Blackbird and the Odawa People*.



1:45 – 3:15

#### Chicago Societies/Organizations

Moderator:

“Using the Past: Historical Societies and Civic Engagement in Metropolitan Chicago, 1968–1976,” Hope Shannon, Loyola University

“‘Ordeal of the Jungle’: Organized Labor and the Chicago Race Riot of 1919,” David Bates, DePaul University

“Sheryl Sandberg, Meet Frances Willard,” Allison J. McFarland, Bethel College

#### What is the Place of the Humanities?

Moderator:

Panelists:

Christopher Strangeman, MacMurray College

Eric Bjornaas Berg, MacMurray College

Jeannie Zeck, MacMurray College

Ashley Green, MacMurray College

#### Illinois Soldiers

Moderator:

“A Civil War Soldier from Naperville: His Diary, His Dedication to Fight, and His Loyalty to the Regiment,” Sarah Stasukewicz, DePaul University

“The 12th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry and the Crisis of Military Discipline in the Union Army during the American Civil War,” John Bobka, University of Chicago

“‘I Wanted to Go over the Top’: A Chicago Doughboy in World War I,” Peter L. Belmonte, Independent Researcher

3:30 – 5:00

#### Economic Opportunities

Moderator:

“Lucky to be Left out of the Fair,” Robert J. Serb, Northeastern Illinois University

“Hamburger Wars: Ray Kroc v. Sandy’s,” Tim Black, Illinois Wesleyan University

#### Post WW II Movements

Moderator:

“No Role Models: Robert Johnson’s Freeport and the Great Migration, 1950–1964,” Michael A. Davis, Laredo Community College

“WW II Living Memorials in Des Plaines, Park Ridge and Evanston,” Eric Hudson, Northeastern Illinois University

#### Northern Illinois Stories

Moderator:

“Hononegah and the Archetype of the American Indian Princess,” Daniel J. Blumlo, Rock Valley College

“Could It Have Been Chicago, Wisconsin?: Illinois’ Northern Boundary” David W. Scott, Illinois State Historical Society

“‘Vampires in Lilac Village’: Role-players, Residents, and a Battle Over the Use of Public Space in Lombard, Illinois,” William R. Avila, Independent Researcher

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

#### Wednesday, September 23 & Thursday, September 24

Rooms have been set aside at the Hilton Springfield, 7th & Adams Streets, at \$70 single and \$85 double. Phone 217-789-1530 to make a reservation.

Forty rooms have been set aside at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center, 701 E. Adams St. (across from the Hilton) at \$70 single and \$85 double. Phone 217-544-8800 to reserve a room.

Please inform hotels that you are with the Conference on Illinois History (code: Illinois History), Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, when making reservations. **NOTE: Reservations must be made by September 9 to receive the conference rate.**

For other accommodations and rates in Springfield, call Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-545-7300 or 217-789-2360, or visit its Web site at [www.visit-springfieldillinois.com](http://www.visit-springfieldillinois.com).

### CONFERENCE FACILITIES/PARKING

All sessions will meet at the **Prairie Capital Convention Center**, 1 Convention Center Plaza (which is bounded by Washington St. on the north, Adams St. to the south, and Ninth St. to the east) in Springfield. Luncheons (by reservation) will also be held at the Convention Center. **Bring a sweater or jacket as temperatures at the Center fluctuate.** Parking is available immediately west of the Convention Center off of Washington Street.

### WHO ATTENDS?

The Conference on Illinois History welcomes more than 300 people each year who appreciate opportunities to share their interest in the history of Illinois. The conference is also an excellent source for teachers with a desire to bring new perspectives and teaching techniques into their classrooms. The sessions include scholarly papers, panel discussions, and workshops.

### Book Vendors

Books on the Square (Independent Bookseller)  
Northern Illinois University Press  
Sly Fox (Independent Bookseller)  
Southern Illinois University Press  
University of Illinois Press

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### 2016 Conference on Illinois History

#### Call for Papers and Proposals for Teacher Workshops

**Proposals for individual papers or panels** on any aspect of Illinois' history, culture, politics, geography, literature, and archaeology are requested for the Conference on Illinois History. The Conference welcomes submissions from professional and avocational historians, graduate students, and those engaged in the study of Illinois history at libraries, historic sites, museums, and historical societies.

**Proposals for teacher workshops.** Are you a teacher who has created an innovative, comprehensive, or timely curriculum on some aspect of Illinois' history, culture, politics, geography, literature, or archaeology? Share your expertise with other teachers at the Conference on Illinois History.

**The deadline for proposals is March 15, 2016.**

**To submit** your proposal for a paper, panel, or teacher workshop, send:

1. A summary of the topic
2. A one-page resume of participant(s)
3. Paper summaries should include a description of major primary and secondary sources used.

Send proposals to: Sam Wheeler, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or [samuel.wheeler@illinois.gov](mailto:samuel.wheeler@illinois.gov). For more information, call 217-557-8336.